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Science and Engineering Alliance (SEA) Member Prairie View A&M University Awarded Contract from Department of Defense

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Science and Engineering Alliance (SEA) member Prairie View A&M University was recently notified by the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) of the Department of Defense (DOD), that it is one of eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions (HBCUs/MIs) to receive an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (ID/IQ) contract. The eleven schools will provide the Department of Defense customers a variety of information technology support services. The total ceiling for the eleven contracts is \$24,000,000 over a five-year contract period consisting of a one-year base period and four one-year options.

“The SEA Office of the Executive Director brought together a strong set of HBCUs, small businesses, and a large corporation as partners to make up the Prairie View Team,” noted Dr. Willie F. Trotty, Vice President for Research and Development at Prairie View A&M University. Other HBCU members of the Prairie View Team are Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA) and Southern University and A&M College (Baton Rouge, LA). Small business partners are JAVIS Automation and Engineering, Inc. (McLean, VA) and Advanced Resource Technologies, Inc. (Alexandria, VA). Science Application International Corporation, Inc. (McLean, VA) is also a member of the team.

“The SEA is a unique resource for the nation and under the ID/IQ contract, Team Prairie View will provide the DOD with analytical, engineering, logistical, communications, integration, computer systems research and development, application software development, testing and maintenance, information assurance, and education and training services through DOD task orders. The effort of faculty and students will enhance university expertise and reputation and provide meaningful work experiences for undergraduate and graduate students assigned to the various projects. Prairie View A&M University and the other HBCU team members will use this

award to help strengthen their institution's research infrastructure," noted Dr. Robert L. Shepard, SEA founding executive director.

Team Prairie View is led by Dr. Trotty, and Professor J. D. Oliver, Head of the Department of Computer Science.

SEA is a consortium of four state-supported HBCUs—Alabama A&M University (Huntsville, AL); Jackson State University (Jackson, MS); Prairie View A&M University (Prairie View, TX); and Southern University and A&M College (Baton Rouge, LA), in alliance with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), in Livermore, CA. The Alliance was established in response to a reduction in resources for undergraduate and graduate education and a government and industry mandate to improve science and mathematics education at all levels, including enhanced research infrastructure and participation by faculty and students in high-quality, collaborative research in science, engineering, and related fields.

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